



**RTA to Address Civil Engineers Ohio Infrastructure Report Card  
Through Virtual News Conference, 10 a.m., Feb. 11**

COLUMBUS, OH — The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Ohio Council of Local Sections will announce its 2021 Report Card for Ohio's Infrastructure, its first in more than a decade, on Thursday, February 11.

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's CEO and General Manager India Birdsong will to be a panelist on the conference call beginning at 10:25 a.m.

The report card will issue grades for 16 infrastructure categories: bridges, dams, drinking water, energy, hazardous waste, inland waterways, ports, roads, solid waste, storm water, transit and wastewater. Pre-registration is required; opportunities will be provided to answer live questions from the media.

Ohio plays a vital role in the national and regional economy, serving as a major transportation hub for goods and services to pass through. Ohio hosts some of the highest volumes of freight over its bridges, roads and railroads of any state in the nation, which is beneficial for businesses and residents, but puts stress on the systems keeping Ohio's economy moving efficiently. With so much at stake, the Buckeye State cannot afford to take its foot off the gas to ensure its systems maintain and improve reliability and performance. This report will help citizens and decision-makers understand how Ohio's infrastructure is faring and what can be done to modernize its systems.

**WHAT:** Virtual news conference on the 2021 Report Card for Ohio's Infrastructure

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 11, 2021, 10:00 - 11 a.m. EST

**WHERE:** Preregister here: <http://ohioasce.org>

**WHO:** American Society of Civil Engineers - Ohio Council of Local Sections

**Speakers include:**

- Craig Hebebrand, P.E., ASCE Ohio Council president and Region 3 Governor
- Sen. Sherrod Brown, Chairman; Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee
- U.S. Rep. Troy Balderson, District 12, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
- Jim Pajk, P.E., past president ASCE Ohio Council and the Central Ohio Section; current Ohio Section treasurer; member of the ASCE National Public Policy Committee
- Lloyd MacAdam, P.E., P.S., Chief Engineer, Ohio Department of Transportation
- Boris Slogar, P.E., Chief Engineer, Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District
- India Birdsong, General Manager and CEO, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

Media interested in calling in or covering the report should contact Kevin Longley at (202) 701-8768 or [klongley@asce.org](mailto:klongley@asce.org).

## **ABOUT THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS**

Founded in 1852, the American Society of Civil Engineers represents more than 150,000 civil engineers worldwide and is America's oldest national engineering society.

ASCE works to raise awareness of the need to maintain and modernize the nation's infrastructure using sustainable and resilient practices, advocates for increasing and optimizing investment in infrastructure, and improve engineering knowledge and competency. For more information, visit [www.asce.org](http://www.asce.org) or [www.infrastructurereportcard.org](http://www.infrastructurereportcard.org) and follow us on Twitter, @ASCETweets and @ASCEGovRel.

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